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SUBJ: ANTI-GOVERNMENT PROTEST ACTIVITIES

SUMMARY: GROUP PROMINENT OPPOSITION FIGURES ISSUED STATEMENT  
DEC 13 CALLING ON PRESIDENT FOR RESTORATION DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM.  
SNU LAW STUDENTS HOLD HUNGER STRIKE FOR RE-ESTABLISHMENT DEMOCRA-  
TIC CONSTITUTION. END SUMMARY.

1. "NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR PROTECTION OF DEMOCRACY" HELD MEETING  
DEC 13 AT SEOUL YWCA. FOLLOWING MEETING COUNCIL ISSUED STATEMENT  
WHICH WAS REPORTED BY TONGA BROADCASTING AND CHRISTIAN RADIO.  
STATEMENT CALLED ON PRESIDENT PARK TO TAKE PROPER ACTION TO  
GUARANTEE THE BASIC RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE AND TO RE-ESTABLISH THE  
SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENTAL SEPARATION OF POWERS. THE COUNCIL WARNED  
THAT A FAILURE TO RESTORE AN INSTITUTIONALIZED DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM  
COULD RESULT IN A "GRAVE NATIONAL CRISIS." THE STATEMENT AS  
REPORTED BY TONGA, DEFINED A NORMAL DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM AS INCLUD-  
ING AT LEAST A METHOD FOR PEACEFUL TRANSFER OF GOVERNMENTAL  
POWER THROUGH ELECTIONS.

2. THE COUNCIL RESOLVED TO REQUEST A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT PARK  
TO GIVE HIM, IN WRITING, THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING.

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3. COUNCIL COMPOSED OF MANY PROMINENT FIGURES FROM POLITICAL OPPOSITION, UNIVERSITY AND CHRISTIAN GROUPS. REPORTEDLY PRESENT AT MEETING WERE FORMER ROK PRESIDENT YUN PO-SON; NDP ASSEMBLYMAN KIMMCU-HAN; FORMER OPPOSITION LEADERS KIM HONG-IL AND YU CHIN-O; RELIGIOUS LEADERS CARDINAL KIM SU-HWAN, DR. HAN KYONG-CHIK, KIM CHAE-CHUN; SECRETARY GENERAL KOREAN COUNCIL CHURCHES KIM KWAN-SOK; FORMER PRESIDENT YONSEI UNIVERSITY L. GEORGE PAIK; FORMER SNU DEAN YI HUI-SUNG; FORMER PRESIDENT SONGGYUNKWAN UNIVERSITY YI CHONG KYU, FORMER JUSTICE MINISTER YI IN; FORMER JOURNALIST CHON KWAN-U; AND WELL KNOWN PHILOSOPHYMR HAM SOK-HON.

4. IN ONLY REPORTED STUDENT ACTIVITY PAST TWO DAYS 50 SNU LAW COLLEGE SENIORS BEGAN 48-HOUR HUNGER STRIKE ON DEC 11. DEMANDS OF STUDENTS INCLUDE RESTORATION DEMOCRATIC CONSTITUTION AND FREEDOM ON CAMPUS. STUDENTS ALSO DECIDED NOT TO PREPARE REQUIRED REPORTS DURING WINTER VACATION.

5. COMMENT: STUDENT ACTIVISTS AND OTHER ANTI-GOVERNMENT ELEMENTS ARE NOW MOVING TO ATTACK PRESIDENT PARK'S CONTINUED INDEFINITE RULE. ACTIONS OF COUNCIL AND SNU LAW STUDENTS ARE PART OF WHAT IS CAMPAIGN TO CHALLENGE THE GOVERNMENT BY FOCUSING ON THE ISSUE OF THE YUSHIN CONSTITUTION.  
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